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Priyamvada Gopal is part of a class of elite academics in the imperial core who teach the ruling class, and use woke radlib rhetoric to justify current Western imperial aggression.

She echoes propaganda against Syria, Iran, and China and is silent about Venezuela, Nicaragua, etc

> Far too much of the 'left' is into a joke version of "anti-imperialism" which denies state atrocities in the global south.
>
> — Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) January 14, 2021

Anti-anti-imperialist Cambridge University Professor @PriyamvadaGopal smears opponents of the Western neocolonial war on Syria as "Assadists"

Would she ever call liberal imperialist Obama a "blood-soaked cretin"? He has exponentially more blood on him https://t.co/arUYuHgC8r

> Let us be in no doubt: there is nothing anti-imperialist about supporting a blood-soaked cretin like Assad. https://t.co/nuzJE6xUy5?
>
> — Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) February 21, 2018

The CIA spent over a billion dollars per year arming and training "rebels" who massacred and ethnically cleansed Syrian civilians, especially religious minorities.

But anti-anti-imperialist @PriyamvadaGopal insists these CIA-backed contras are heroes https://t.co/vjpfxII34q

> Deeming non-ISIS Syrian resistance CIA stooges: embarrassing, insulting and patronising
>
> — Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) November 29, 2015

This was elite anti-anti-imperialist Cambridge University gatekeeper @PriyamvadaGopal's response right after colonial powers the US, UK, and France bombed Syria in April 2018 on bogus lies that have since been debunked.

https://t.co/vR642Jjdgf

> Am truly glad that a lot of people are 'holding Syria in their thoughts' since last night. Was there a reason they weren't being 'held in your thoughts' since 2011 when Assad crushed a popular uprising and kept bombing his own people with Russian assistance?
>
> — Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) April 14, 2018

Of course anti-anti-imperialist Cambridge Professor @PriyamvadaGopal's is also a supporter of the neoliberal imperialist European Union -- one of the key institutions of European necolonialism today
https://t.co/Uevotk23gL

> Worth your realising that over this, over Syria, over Brexit, you are swiftly losing enthusiastic support we once offered you
>
> — Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) November 9, 2016

Here is anti-anti-imperialist @PriyamvadaGopal sharing propaganda from a website funded by the EU's regime-change arm the European Endowment for "Democracy."

We're supposed to believe the imperialist EU is funding "a properly anticolonial piece on Syria"
https://t.co/HrUE3vo7nD

> And as if on cue, a properly anticolonial piece on Syria, not half-assed Assad apologetics https://t.co/26mARkeXxd
>
> — Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) September 22, 2017

To elite anti-anti-imperialist Cambridge gatekeeper @PriyamvadaGopal, Iran's post-colonial govt, which is suffocated by Western imperial aggression and sanctions, is little more than "Iranian theocrats"

Absurdly simplistic orientalist/neocolonial rhetoric
https://t.co/WpVGYfuO7L

> My anti-imperialism does not require me to choose between Trump and Assad, or Tru and the Iranian theocrats. Actually, it invites me to see the overlaps.
>
> — Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) January 6, 2018

Note how this anti-anti-imperialist Cambridge expert on "colonialism" @PriyamvadaGopal uses colonial rhetoric to refer to Iran's post-colonial gov't.

Would she ever call the US, UK, or France "regimes"? Because they're way more authoritarian and criminal
https://t.co/d493dcIRZ8

> Erm, no, @EmilyThornberry it is not hard to express solidarity with socialists and trades unionists, not to mention workers demanding democratic rights and better living standards, standing up to Iranian regime. It's a dereliction not

to.

— Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) January 6, 2018

There's a reason @PriyamvadaGopal is allowed to be a Cambridge professor and teach the ruling class. She heroizes 19th and early 20th century anti-imperialists while smearing them today

She portrays China and Russia as neocolonial powers while whitewashing Western neocolonialism

Oh yeah, and let's not forget how anti-anti-imperialist Cambridge Professor @PriyamvadaGopal erased Palestinian anti-colonial resistance and whitewashed Zionism, because it was inconvenient to her liberal thesis.

@NumanAbdalWahid explains:
https://t.co/CjTPwzA5aX

Both pro-colonialist reactionary Douglas Murray and anti-anti-imperialist radlib @PriyamvadaGopal "have one essential thing in common. Both needed to elide crucial events to make the respective thesis in their books credible."

via @NumanAbdalWahid
https://t.co/yfWCZoegvR